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Support for Sinai Peace-keeping Force

FBIS has been asked to provide special services to the Sinai peace-keeping force. Ex-ambassador Douglas Heck, now a State Department consultant on setting up the force, contacted FBIS in regard to supplying materials to the Director-General of the force and the military commander in the Sinai. The Director-General's headquarters, now in Washington, will be permanently located somewhere in Europe. Most likely FBIS support will take two forms: wirefiled materials directly from FBIS field bureaus, and hard-copy reports from Headquarters.

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Radio Marti

FBIS is continuing to supply information of various kinds in support of activities connected with the establishment of the anti-Castro transmitter Radio Marti. During a recent session of the House Committee attended by the Agency's , a question was raised concerning the extent of possible interference by Radio Marti on neighboring countries other than Cuba. The Committee asked for a written response on this. To assist him, FBIS provided information on what stations are on the proposed Marti frequency of 1040 kHz. This involved actual confirmation of information by the Key West and Panama bureaus, which identified nine stations (from Colombia, Central America, and Haiti) on or near that frequency. There were other weaker stations on the same frequency that could not be identified.

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Inspection of Far East Bureaus

The Deputy Director, FBIS conducted a management inspection of the FBIS bureaus in the Far East during the 5-21 March period. In addition to reviewing various problems of the Seoul, Okinawa, Hong Kong, and Bangkok bureaus, he met with Ambassadors Walker (Seoul) and Dean (Bangkok) and Consuls General Straus (Naha) and Levin (Hong Kong), as well as other U.S. embassy, and military officers. Plans for building a new Chancery in Seoul, which was to include FBIS, have been shelved for the time being by Ambassador Walker, and there is now some question as to whether a new Chancery in Bangkok will in fact be constructed. In Okinawa, the Department of Defense is building up its facilities,

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which will have a positive, indirect effect on the FBIS situation. Aside from problems connected with foreign national wage classification and compensation, which FBIS is solving in cooperation with the Office of Personnel, FBIS bureaus in the Far East are in good shape, producing at a high level, have high morale, and are receiving solid support from U.S. agencies and host governments. U.S. embassies and other American missions rely extensively on FBIS material in their own efforts. 25X1 Seminar on Soviet Politics and Media A one-day conference on "Soviet Politics and the Media," sponsored jointly by the FBIS Analysis Group and the Center for the Study of Intelligence, will be held 8 April at the Rosslyn Hyatt House. The conferees will discuss issues relating to the interpretation of media sources in analysis of Soviet foreign policy and leadership politics. Participants will include scholars from Brookings, RAND, State Department, and DoD, as well as Soviet-affairs analysts from SOVA and FBIS. 25X1 E&E Planning FBIS bureaus periodically review their planning for emergency evacuation, usually in the context of Embassy and Station planning. FBIS bureau chief in Bahrain reported recently that EGE procedures have been reviewed and updated with the Embassy and the U.S. Navy facility in Bahrain; all FBIS Americans and TCN's and dependents are included in the evacuation plan. This planning took place in the wake of an Iranian coup attempt in Bahrain in December. 25X1

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